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SUBJECT: MR. KLOSSON'S STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1975

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THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY MR. KLOSSON AT
THE SALT TWO MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1975.

MR. MINISTER:

I

TODAY THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL ADDRESS THE UNITED STATES
APPROACH TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE X OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT.
THIS ARTICLE PROHIBITS THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, OR DEPLOYMENT
OF CERTAIN KINDS OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS.

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT IN BANNING THESE SYSTEMS
A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH SHOULD BE TAKEN. THUS, IN THE PROVI-
SIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (A), (B), AND (C) OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL

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FOR ARTICLE X, WHICH DEAL WITH SYSTEMS THE MAIN COMPONENTS OF

WHICH ARE MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES TO BAN BOTH MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS. IN PARTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (C), BOTH DELEGATIONS HAVE USED THE WORD "SYSTEMS" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PROHIBITION, AND THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES TO EMPLOY THIS APPROACH THROUGHOUT THE SUBPARAGRAPH.

II

AS NOTED, SUBPARAGRAPHS (A), (B), AND (C) OF THE U. S. PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE X BAN BOTH MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS. THUS, SUBPARAGRAPH (C) BANS FIXED BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS FOR EMPLACEMENT ON THE SEABED, ON THE OCEAN FLOOR, ON THE BEDS OF INTERNAL WATERS, OR IN THE SUBSOIL THEREOF, OR MOBILE BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS WHICH MOVE ONLY IN CONTACT WITH THE BOTTOM, AND ALSO BANS THE MISSILES FOR SUCH LAUNCHERS. MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS FOR SUCH UNDERWATER DEPLOYMENT COULD BE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS OF TYPES CURRENTLY DEPLOYED, SINCE EITHER OR BOTH MIGHT HAVE TO BE DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY WOULD BE DEPLOYED. IT IS NOTEWORTHY, IN THIS REGARD, THAT ARTICLE I OF THE 1972 TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE EMPLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ON THE SEABED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR AND IN THE SUBSOIL THEREOF PROHIBITS NOT ONLY THE EMPLACEMENT OF "LAUNCHING INSTALLATIONS" FOR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, BUT ALSO THE EMPLACEMENT OF THE WEAPONS THEMSELVES. THUS, THE U.S. APPROACH, TO BAN BOTH MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS, BUILDS UPON THIS IMPORTANT PRECEDENT.

SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE X BANS BALLISTIC MISSILES CAPABLE OF RANGES IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS FOR INSTALLATION ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES, AS WELL AS LAUNCHERS FOR SUCH MISSILES. IN THIS CASE, IT MAY BE THE LAUNCHER RATHER THAN THE MISSILE WHICH IS UNIQUE TO THE WEAPON SYSTEM, SINCE RELATIVELY LITTLE MODIFICATION OF CURRENT TYPES OF SLBM'S OR LAND-BASED BALLISTIC MISSILES MIGHT BE REQUIRED. THUS, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES TO BAN THE LAUNCHER AS WELL AS THE MISSILE.

SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE X BANS
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BOTH LAND-BASED CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF INTERCONTINENTAL RANGE, THAT IS, A RANGE OF EXCESS OF 5,500 KILOMETERS, AND LAUNCHERS FOR SUCH MISSILES. THIS APPROACH IS INTENDED TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF A LAUNCHER THAT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR LAUNCHING A LAND-BASED CRUISE MISSILE OF INTERCONTINENTAL RANGE, AS WELL AS THE MISSILE ITSELF, AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE U.S. APPROACH TO THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE X.

III

WITH RESPECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (D) OF ARTICLE X OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT, THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT THAT THE "SYSTEMS" FOR PLACING NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ANY OTHER KIND OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION INTO ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH SHOULD BE BANNED. THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR THIS SUBPARAGRAPH TAKES THE SAME APPROACH TO SYSTEMS FOR PLACING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION INTO PARTIAL ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH AS IT DOES TO SYSTEMS FOR PLACING SUCH WEAPONS INTO FULL ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, AND DEPLOYMENT OF BOTH TYPES OF SYSTEMS SHOULD BE BANNED.

THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS SUCH SYSTEMS TO BE ASSEMBLAGES OF COMPONENTS WHICH TOGETHER WOULD HAVE THE CAPABILITY FOR PLACING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION INTO FULL OR PARTIAL ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH. THE U.S. PROVISION WOULD PROHIBIT THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, OR DEPLOYMENT OF ANY SUCH ASSEMBLAGE.

IV

MR. MINISTER, TODAY WE HAVE PROVIDED THE RATIONALE FOR THE U.S. APPROACH TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE X, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING SOVIET VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS. KLOSSON

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